

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 11, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on November 11, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Gary Anderson, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr., Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Board Members absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Nick Verrett, DOTD

The minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting were discussed. On motion by Rayburn Smith, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the Minutes were approved.

The October, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Rayburn Smith, seconded by Janet Jones, the October, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

The Commission recognized special guest, David Hammett and Laura Lane. Hammett and Lane are the attorneys from Monroe representing the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District in the class action suit presently pending in Federal Court. A motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board voted unanimously to go into Executive

Session during which time Mr. Hammett reported to the Board relative to the Board relative to the pending class action lawsuit. A motion was then made by Doris Rogé, seconded by Rayburn Smith, to return to the regular meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew had been burning brush piles that had been pushed up a year ago. These brush piles are located near Billy Giddens' property, as well as Rayburn Smith's property. Vercher further advised that his crew had filled some holes that had washed out and put rock in a place that was washing in an area located near Rayburn Smith's place. Mr. Vercher further advised that during the next month his crew will continue to clean the ditches, particularly the ditch at Cloutierville. He reported that there are two beaver dams on Laird Fletcher Road. The Board discussed removing these beaver dams, and there was some issue as to whether the trees that had grown up in the dams could be removed without a permit from the Corps of Engineers since this is a wetland area. It was agreed that Karlton Methvin and Robert Vercher would inspect the beaver dams during the next week. Mr. Vercher finally reported that the tractor and bushhog had been repaired and returned to service.

The DOTD report was given by Nick Verrett. He reported that his office had conducted interviews recently for a water resource engineer, and it was expected this position would be filled within the next month. When that position is filled, the individual will thereafter work with the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Mr. Verrett further advised that DOTD was still looking at David McGraw's after-the-fact permit request. Mr. Verrett's office had contacted NRCS to see if they had information that would help DOTD evaluate Mr. McGraw's request without the necessity for McGraw having to hire an engineer. He reported that they had received some information from NRCS which may be of assistance and they were still in the process of evaluating that information. He expected they would be able to complete this review within the next month.

Karlton Methvin gave the Administrator's Report. He advised that the project to rock the westbank levee along Red River had been completed and accepted by the Corps of Engineers. Before accepting the work, the Corps of Engineers required the contractor to put additional rock in a few locations where the Corps had determined that the depth did not meet contract specifications.

There being no further business to come before the Board,
the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 9th day of December, 2008, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary